

HOUSE BILL 626

By Maggart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 14, Part 2, relative to the posting of  
security in certain animal cases.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-210, is amended by deleting the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth sentences of subsection (g) and substituting instead the following:

If security ordered pursuant to this subsection (g) is not posted within seventy-two (72) hours following the issuance of a security order, the animal shall be deemed to have been abandoned, the defendant shall forfeit all ownership interest in the animal, and the animal may be disposed of by the governmental animal control agency or humane society in accordance with reasonable practices for the humane treatment of animals. Failure to post the ordered security under this subsection (g) shall not forfeit any ownership rights in the animal except those of the defendant or defendants in the pending criminal proceeding.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.